

APPLICATION:

Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority Application for Financial Support General Instructions

The RDA Board requires that every applicant for funding submit this application form. There are no minimum or maximum length requirements to any question or to the form as a whole. Brevity though is always appreciated, as long as the response is complete. Answers should be detailed and specific as well as focused. Supporting materials (e.g. studies, plans, reports, etc.) in general should be referred to and the findings summarized in the answers, with the unabridged supporting materials attached to or submitted with the completed application.

The Board or its staff may request clarification and/or supplements to any given answer.

The applicant may submit any additional responses and/or materials it wishes. These should be given after the last response to the Board's questions and identified as supplemental information, materials, etc.

Date of filing **NOVEMBER 3, 2006**

Applicant **SEE PAGE 3** _____

Contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Applicant's legal status: _____

- Attach cites to any statutes, ordinances or other laws and rules that specifically establish the applicant, control its activities, and document it's capacity to receive and spend funds.
- Attach a copy of any Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, rules, ordinances, specific government pacts, and related documents. **SEE MOU, PAGE 6**

Project Description

Executive summary (500 words) **SEE PAGE 7**

- Attach extended description
SEE TAB 1 AND TAB 2

Economic Impact Statement

Executive summary (250 words) **SEE PAGE 9**

- Attach extended economic impact analysis, citing quantitative data including projected impact on jobs and salaries, goods and services purchased in Northwest Indiana, population growth, and so on. Include a description of methodology.

Quality of Life Impact Statement

Executive summary (250 words) **SEE PAGE 10**

- Attach an extended analysis of the projected impact of the project on the environment in Northwest Indiana. Also provide an analysis of the potential of the project to improve social circumstances for residents of Northwest Indiana. Include a description of methodology.

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Funding Request and Financial Analysis **SEE PAGE 11**

Total project cost: _____

Funds requested from RDA: _____

Total funds from other sources, both received and requested.

Federal: _____

State: _____

Local: _____

Private investment: _____

- Attach a detailed explanation of the request from the board. Is the request for a specific part of a larger project and if so, define the specific project. Is the request for an outright grant, a loan, an investment to be repaid. Indicate the required flow of funds (single year/multiple years) If bonds are to be issues, are they to be issued by the applicant, the RDA or a third party? Indicate the terms of guarantees and repayment by Applicant by year.
- Attach a detailed explanation of the funds from other sources. The amount of financing received or promised from each source, its nature (bonds, loans, grants...), and full payment information.

Project Timeline

- Identify the start date, completion date and significant milestones for the specific project.

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Supporting Materials

- Attach unabridged copies of all studies, repeals, surveys and other documents supporting this application. **SEE TAB 1, TAB 2, AND TAB 3**
- Attach a statement of the relationship, if any, between this project and any other existing or proposed economic development project for Northwest Indiana. **SEE TAB 4**
- Attach any disclosure statements regarding relationships you may have with RDA board members or employees. **SEE TAB 5**
- Attach a copy of the ethics guidelines to which the applicant adheres. **SEE TAB 6**

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PROJECT ORGANIZATION:

The Cities of Gary and East Chicago are submitting this application as partners in the reclamation and redevelopment of a shared lakefront that connects the East Chicago Marina and Buffington Harbor. This is a complex project with multiple phases and the cities seek RDA support for the necessary due diligence for future phases and for support on immediate lakefront redevelopment projects. These requests have been divided into three distinct Task Categories.

1. Joint Lakefront Due Diligence/Planning

The due diligence and engineering tasks crucial to both cities have been grouped and described as 'Joint Lakefront Due Diligence'.

2. City of East Chicago Due Diligence/Planning and Capital Improvements

The City of East Chicago is requesting financial assistance for projects specifically related to its lakefront community, although intrinsically involved in the RDA's objective of lakeshore development.

3. City of Gary Due Diligence/Planning and Capital Improvements

The City of Gary is requesting financial assistance for projects specifically related to development of its lakefront, although intrinsically involved in the RDA's objective of lakeshore and economic development.

Organizational Flowchart

The diagram on the facing page illustrates the project oversight and reporting model. The South Shore Lakefront Board (Board) is the bi-city entity created for the oversight and implementation of the South Shore Lakefront Redevelopment Plan. The Board is comprised of four voting members, two from each city, and the South Shore Lakefront Advisory Council, a body of non-voting members serving in an advisory capacity.

The Project Management Staff (Staff) exists to provide support to the Board on a variety of fronts while equally representing both Cities. The Staff is responsible for the coordination and management of the consultants and contractors involved in the due diligence, engineering, and implementation of this project. The Staff also serves as liaison between the RDA and the South Shore Lakefront Board and a conduit for information dissemination and two-way reporting between these governing entities. As this project progresses and the due diligence reports arrive, the Project Management Staff will also be responsible for political and stakeholder alignment and developing funding strategies to ensure implementation.